TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1099.

Saturday the 19th January, 1924.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-Thirty of the Clock, with the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12—*

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Encouragement to Mesopotamia-returned Men in State Service.

163. Mr. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table:

(1) a list of the permanent employees of the State who, on return from Mesopotamia, have been granted any special concessions, stating the total number of such servants who were deputed for service and who have since returned therefrom; and

(2) a list of Mesopotamia-returned men who have applied for appointments in the State newly, together with the number of such applicants who have been provided for and the special preference that has been shown to them?

(*b*) Are any steps being taken to grant special concessions to either the permanent employees or new applicants for service in the State who have not already had any encouragement in consideration of their good war record?

Mr. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (1) The information has been called for from heads of departments and will be laid on the table on receipt.

(2) Government do not propose to collect the information necessary for the preparation of the list referred to in the first part of

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

the question, as in their opinion the time and labour involved would be out of proportion to its utility. In regard to the second part of the question the member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 128.

(*b*) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 126.

Yadavas in the State Service.

164. MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram cum Shencottah*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any Yadava in Travancore is in Government service?

(*b*) If not, will the Government be pleased to appoint in the State service deserving educated young men belonging to that community?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yadavas have not been recognised as a separate caste for census purposes.

(*b*) Part (*b*) of the question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Charge of Corruption against Mr. A. S. Krishna Aiyar, Tahsildar, Quilon.

165. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Quilon Dewan Peishkar and the Land Revenue Commissioner brought to their notice an alleged case of corruption against the Tahsildar of Quilon? If so, what action did the Government take in the matter and what was the recommendation of the Land Revenue Commissioner?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Tahsildar's conduct was suspicious, but evidence in regard to corruption was not conclusive. In the circumstances no action was taken beyond noting the matter in the officer's service record.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What was the charge against the Tahsildar?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was no definite charge against the Tahsildar.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Then, what was the nature of the enquiry conducted?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No regular enquiry was conducted, because there was no charge against him.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What was the report against him?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I regret I am unable to reveal the contents of the report.

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